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SUBJ: ILO: 196TH SESSION OF GOVERNING BODY

1. SUMMARY:

THE 196TH SESSION OF THE ILO GOVERNING BODY AND ITS COMMITTEES MET
MAY 26 THROUGH MAY 31 IN THE ILO GENEVA HEADQUARTERS. MAJOR GB ACTION
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OF CONCERN TO U.S. WERE ON: (1) THE REPORTS OF THE FACT FINDING AND
CONCILIATION COMMISSION ON FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION IN CHILE AND OF
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON CHILE'S OBSERVANCE OF ILO CONVENTIONS
NO. 1 AND NO. 111 (GB 196/4/9 AND 10); (2) ACTION ON THE ANTI-ISRAEL
RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE 59TH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE IN JUNE 1974
(GB 196/20/2);(3) THE PROPOSED 1976 WORLD CONFERENCE ON EMPLOYMENT,
INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS AND SOCIAL PROGRESS AND THE INTERNATIONAL
DIVISION
OF LABOR (GB 196/2/7); AND (4) ACTIVITIES OF THE PROGRAM, FINANCIAL
AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE.

2. ACTION ON CHILE:

A. THE WORKERS INITIATED DEBATE, STATED THAT ACTION PARAGRAPH 5 OF
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GB 196/4/9 WAS NOT STRONG ENOUGH AND PRESENTED AMENDMENTS CONTAINING

MUCH TOUGHER LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD: (A) NOTE THE REPORT "WITH GRAVE CONCERN"; (B) CALL UPON CHILE TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION "WITHOUT DLAY" AND INFORM THE DG BY OCTOBER 1 OF ACTION TAKEN; (C) REQUEST DG TO PUBLICIZE THE REPORT AND TRANSMIT IT TO THE

1975

ILO CONFERENCE, THE U.N., AND TO GOVERNMENTS, AND WORKER AND EMPLOER ORGANIZATIONS; AND (D) REQUIRE THE DG TO SUBMIT FULL REPORT TO NOVEMB NOVEMBER

1975 GB SESSION ONACTIONS TAKEN BY CHILE TO CARRY OUT THE RECOM-MENDATIONS.

B. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SPEAKING FOR THE RECORD ND ON THE REPORTS AND ON THE WORKERS' AMENDMENT, FOLLOWING WHICH, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 26

OF THE ILO CONSTITUTION, CHILEAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE, LUIS BIBALTA PUIG, UNDER SECRETARY OF LABOR, MADE RESTRAINED AND CONCILIATORY

REPLY AND SPOKE AT LENGTH ON THE REPORTS. HE SAID THE POLITICAL SITUATION

IN CHILE NECESSITATED CERTAIN GOVEERNMENTAL ACTIONS; GOC WAS ACTING TO

RESTORE AND STRENGTHEN TRADE UNION RIGHTS, GOC WANTED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ILO IN FINDING SOLUTIONS, AND GOC WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT PARA 5 OF GB 196/4/9 IN ORIGINAL FORM, BUT NOT AS AMENDED BY WORKERS.

C. THE WORKERS AMENDMENT WAS SOFTENED BY MORGAN (GOVERNMENT DELEGATE UK) AND PARODI (GOVERNMENT DELEGATE FRANCE) AND BY THE EMPLOYERS. THE EMPLOYERS' AMENDMENT NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT CHILE HAD REPLIED FAVORABLY TO GB REQUEST THAT CHILE RECEIVE FACT FINDING COMMISSION AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IN FUTURE, ALL REQUESTS AND RECOM-MENDATIONS BY GB CONCERNING HUMAN AND TRADE UNIONRIGHTS WOULD BE RECEIVED

IN SAME WAY BY THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED.

D. WORKERS ACCEPTED FIRST PART EMPLOYERS' AMENDMENT BUT SUGGESTED THAT SECOND PART ON FUTURE TRADE UNION RIGHTS CASES NOT BE PART OF ACTION ON

CHILE CASE, AND MERELY SHOW IN GB RECORD AS STATEMENT OF THE EMPLOYER GROUP. EMPLOYERS AGREED IF RECORD ALSO SHOWED THEIR STATEMENT REFLECTED

THE HOPE OF THE GB AS A WHOLE. GOVERNMENTS OF USSR,UKRAINE,POLAND, BULGARIA AND USSR WORKER PIMENOV SPOKE HARSHLY AGAINST EMPLOYER STATEMENT; -AND ONLY USDEL AND CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATED UNCLASSIFIED

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THEMSELVES WITH EMPLOYER STATEMENT. COMMENT: USDEL BELIEVES THAT FAILURE OF WORKERS GROUP AND ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTS, ESPECIALLY OF WE, TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH THIS EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR ILO FREEDOM

OF ASSOCIATION PROECEDURES (WHICH EMPLOYER GROUP HAD COPIED FROM STATEMENT OF FORMER WORKER GROUP SPOKESMAN JEAN MORI WHEN JAPAN WAS FIRSTGOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT AND RECEIVE AN ILO FACT FINDING AND CONCILIATION COMMISSION), IN THE FACE OF HOSTILE EE REACTION, IS

SORRY

DEMONSTRATION OF DEGREE TO WHICH DOUBBLE STANDARD ON PROTECTION OF
TRADE
UNION RIGHTS IS ACCEPTED AND PRACTICED BY THE ILO MEMBERSHIP. END
COMMENT.

E. PROVISIONAL TEXT OF AMENDED PARA 5 FOLLOWS:

" THE GOVERNING BODY DECIDES:

A) TO NOTE WITH GRAVE CONCERN THE COMMISSION'S REPORT.

B) TO CALL UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE TO IMPLEMENT

(AS SOON AS POSSIBLE) THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE

COMMISSION AND TO GIVE THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL A PROGRESS

REPORT NOT LATER THAN 1 OCTOBER 1975 ON THE ACTION TAKEN.

(C) TO REQUEST THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO PROVIDE THE CHILEAN

GOVERNMENT WITH COPIES OF THE REPORT AND ASK IT TO TAKE

THE NECESSARY MEASURES FOR ITS WIDEST DISTRIBUTION IN

CHILE.

(D) TO TRANSMIT THE REPORT:

(I) TO THE 1975 SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR
CONFERENCE;

(II) TO THE UNITED NATIONS;

(III) TO ALL MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE ILO AND TO

ORGANIZATIONS OF EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS; AND

(IV) TO PUBLIC INFORMATION MEDIA.

(E) TO ASK THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO SUBMIT TO THE NOVEMBER

1975 SESSION A FULL REPORT OF THE ACTION BY CHILE TO

IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

(F) TO TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE HAS

REPLIED FAVOURABLE TO THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNING BODY IN

CONNECTION WITH THE SETTING UP AND OPERATION OF THE FACT-

FINDING AND CONCILIATION COMMISSION ON FREEDOM OF

ASSOCIATION.

(THIS TEXT SUPPLIED BY OFFICE, BUT STILL SUBJECT TO MINOR

EDITORIAL CHANGE.)

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3. DIRECTOR GENERAL'S ACTION ON ANTI-ISRAELI RESOLUTION OF 1974 CONFERENCE

A. DG HAD PLACED REPORT (GB 196/20/2) NEAR THE END OF THE PLENARY AGENDA. THUS, THE PAPER WAS NOT DISCUSSED UNTIL LATE SATURDAY AFTERNOON,

LIMITING THE TIME FOR DEBATE ON THE ISSUE.

B. STATEMENTS OF ARAB GOVERNMENTS, EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS, REINFORCED BY STATEMENTS OF EEE GOVERNMENTS AND USSR WORKER PIMENOV, ALL HIGHLY CRITICAL OF ILO/DG FOR LACK OF PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING 1974

RESOLUTION. NO BLACK AFRICANS SPOKE ON THIS ISSUE. USDEL TEN NOTED THAT

COMPLAINANTS OF ISRAEL'S ALLEGED DENIAL OF TRADE UNION RIGHTS HAD NOT SEEN FIT

OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS TO FILE COMPLAINT UNDER ILO'S FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION

PROCEDURES, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF WHICH HAD JUST BEEN DEMONSTRATED IN THE

CASE OF CHILE. IF THEY HAD CHOSEN TO SUE THIS MACHINERY, AND THE ALLEGATIONS

HAD BEEN TREATED SUBSTANTIVELY RATHER THAN POLITICALLY, THE SITUATION

MIGHT BE QUITE DIFFERENT TODAY, AND THIS SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND IN A UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSESSING

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ALLEGEDLY UNSATISFACTORY STATE OF DIRECTOR GENERAL'S

ACTION ON THIS ISSUE. PAPER WAS THEN NOTED WITHOUT MODIFICATION.

4. PROPOSED AGENDA AND TIMING FOR ILO WORLD CONFERENCE

A. NEW PROPOSAL BY DG FOR ILO WORLD CONFERENCE ON EMPLOYMENT, ETC. (GB 196/2/7) ESTABLISHES FOLLOWING PROCEDURE AND TIMING:

(1) OPENING OF ILO GENERAL CONFERENCE AND HOLDING OF

PRELIMINARY MATTERS FOR FIRST TWO DAYS;

2) OPENING OF WORLD CONFERENCE ON EMPLOYMENT ON THIRD DAY;

(3) HOLDING OF WORKD CONFERENCE ON EMPLOYMENT FOR TWO WEEKS IN MIDDLE OF ILO GENERAL CONFERENCE, WITH ONLY ACTIVITIES OF THE ILO GENERAL CONFERENCE BEING MEETINGS OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEES WITH SMALLER NUMBER OF ITEMS THAN USUAL;

(4) AFTER CONCLUSION OF WORLD CONFERENCE ON EMPLOYMENT, ILO GENERAL CONFERENCE WILL CONTINUE.

B. THE AGENDA FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE WOULD BE REDUCED, AND WOULD NOT CONTAIN PROVISION FOR COMMENTS ON THE DG'S REPORT FOR A RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE. USDEL SUPPORTED ELIMINATION OF THESE TWO ITEMS.

C. DEBATE ON WORLD CONFERENCE ON EMPLOYMENT TOOK UP MOST OF FIRST DAY OF PLENARY. MOST OF THE MEMBERS OF GB WHO SPOKE INDICATED THEY STILL HAVE RESERVATIONS ON THE CONFERENCE.

5. PROGRAM, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

A. PFA COMMITTEE MET TWICE UNDER AD HOC CHAIRMANSHIP OF JOHN MAINWARING, CANADIAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE.

B. ON CHANGING ILO BUDGET TO SWISS FRANCS (GB 196/PFA/9/13)

DIRECTOR GENERAL CONCLUDED THAT SINCE THERE ARE NO CLEAR ADVANTAGES TO SUCH A MOVE, THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO MAKE IT. USDEL URGED THAT SHOULD ITEM BE REOPENED IN FUTURE, CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO WISHES OF SWISS GOVERNMENT.

C. DIRECTOR GENERAL NOTED THAT CY 1975 PAYMENTS FROM MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS ARE COMING IN SLOWLY AND SAID THAT IF THEY DO NOT SPEED UP, CASH FLOW SITUATION MAY DETERIORATE SEVERELY. USDEL SUMMARIZED AMOUNTS REQUESTED FOR ILO IN U.S. FY 1976 BUDGET, AND SAID HE UNCLASSIFIED

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COULD NOT ESTIMATE TIME OR NATURE OF FINAL CONGRESSIONAL ACTION. USSR REP CITED GENERAL DIFFICULTIES IN MAKING LARGE PAYMENTS, AND JAPANESE NOTED HIS COUNTRY WAS SUBJECTED TO HIGHEST RATE OF INCREASE OF ANY MEMBER THIS YEAR. FRG REP DECLINED COMMENT, BUT LATER INTIMATED TO US IN CONFIDENCE THAT FRG SLOWNESS IN PAYING REFLECTS ITS

PIQUE AT BEING TAKEN FOR GRANTED BY THE ILO.

D. IN BUILDING SUBCOMMITTEE, USDEL RAISED FOR THE RECORD, QUESTION OF WHETHER ANY SPACE IN NEW ILO BUILDING IS RENTED TO COMMERCIAL FIRMS. DG'S REP JOHN RICHES SAID NO PART NO. ONLY OFFICE SPACE BEING RENTED TO WHO AND GATT, AND RATE, ALTHOUGH PREFERENTIAL, MORE THAN COVERS COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICING. RICHES SAID IN VIEW OF FACT THAT MUCH OF BUILDING MATERIAL WAS IMPORTED DUTY FREE, IT WOULD

NOT BE PROPER FOR ILO TO RENT COMMERCIALLY. SPACE IS FRANCHISED FOR BANK, POST OFFICE, NEWSTAND, AND RESTAURANT, WHICH ARE CONSIDERED

NORAL SERVICE FACILITES FOR STAFF AND PARTICIPATES IN ILO MEETINGS, A
ND
NOT REGARDED AS STRAIGHT COMMERCIAL RENTALS.
E. ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE REJECTED HAITIAN REQUEST FOR CANCELLATIN
OF MOST OF ITS OUTSTANDING DUES AND GRANTING OF PREFERENTIAL ASSESSME
NT
RATE FOR NEXT TEN YEARS. THE ILO ROUTINELY REJECTS SUCH REQUESTS.
SWAZILAND, WHICH JOINTED ILO MAY 20 VIA ITS U.S. MEMBERSHIP CHANNEL,
WAS RANTED MIMIMUM RATE OF ASSESSMENT: .04PERCENT FOR BALANCE OF
CY 75; .03 PERCENT FOR CY 76, AND .02 PERCENT FOR CY 77.
F. POSTS OF CHIEF OF FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION SECTION AND
POPULATION AND ALBOR POLICIES BRANCH WERE UPGRADED TO D.1. ILO
PAYS FOR THE FORMER POSITION, UNFPA FOR THE LATTER. DALE

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